

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1 to 17 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE2005/000238. This Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 18 to 36. The new claims are believed to conform to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.


In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3)(iii) and § 1.125(b)(2), a Marked Up Version Of The Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification also accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. In the Marked Up Version, double-underlining indicates added text and strikeouts indicate deleted text. Approval and entry of the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) is respectfully requested.

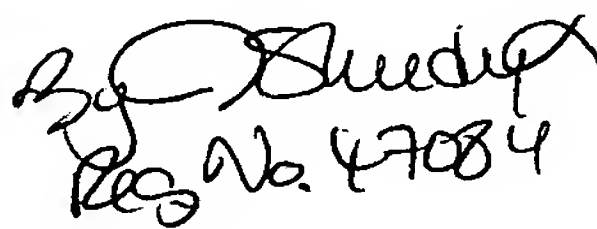
The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE2005/000238 includes an International Search Report. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were found in the underlying PCT Application. An English translation of the Search Report accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants assert that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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